## **ABSTRACT**

The invention is an identification card reader for reading identification cards. The reader includes a housing, control circuit, an imaging module, a display, and a tray for holding an identification card in a certain position relative to an imaging module. The control circuit may be in communication with a card type-operation parameter lookup table so that operation parameters including control type operation parameters of the reader vary depending upon the type of card being processed by the reader. The reader may be programmed to execute one or more security routines for verifying the validity of the presented card.